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The man driving the 61 Ford
was of medium build 28 to
32 years of age Black or Dark
Brown Hair medium cut.

He was dressed ~~to~~ in a dark
brown checked sport coat and
possibly a sport shirt.

His facial features are average
~~neither~~ ~~neither~~ ~~neither~~ ~~neither~~ neither
round faced or thin.

I guess he might be of
medium build 140-150 pounds
according to his upper build.

David T. Lewis Jr.
1-22-67

M E M O R A N D U M T O F I L E

January 6, 1966

FROM: F. SEDGEBEER AND C. JONAU

SUBJECT: MISS SHIRLEY BASILE, WF 25
Office 527-6559
Home 891-2506
Resides at 2833 St. Charles, Apt. 39

Worked part time for Guy Banister from 1960 to 1961, she does not know Dave Ferrie, but stated that Mr. Banister did some Norman Rockwell of the American Nazi Party. Stated that Banister was ultra conservative.

She also knows Jack Martin and that as far as she knew his reputation was unsavory. She had heard from a source that she can't remember, that Martin had committed some abortions in southern Texas. She claims he was notorious. She can't remember any dealings with Cubans while she was employed by Banister.

She will be willing to come up to the office and give any information desired. She is very cooperative.

Miss Basile also stated that Anna Burglass was a very close friend of Banister and also did some investigative work for him.

Also an investigator named Joseph Newbrough worked for Banister with Martin. Newbrough spent 5 years in Federal pen for embezzlement.

1-22-67

Sto. of David F. Lewis Jr.

On the evening of 1-20-67 I was proceeding down St Louis St toward Charles St, when I reached that corner I made a turn toward Canal St. by the old court house.

I made approximately 15-20 paces in that direction when a dark green 61- or 62 Ford coupe slowed down near me.

A dark complected man 28 to 32 years of age shouted at me Hay Louis. I turned in answer to his call.

He was facing me with his left hand on the steering wheel of the car. In his right hand was a small revolver which he fired at me.

It seemed to me that as he pulled the trigger of the pistol he activated his car in order to escape.

At this point I was paralyzed in fear so I could not get a license number of the car or any pertinent markings which could identify some car.

When I regained my ~~senses~~ senses enough to realize what I was doing I proceeded at a fast pace to the residence of a friend of mine at 606 Bienville where I contacted Mr Davis Iron of the Dist Atty office

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

DATE: 1/28/68
TIME: 10:50 A.M.

INTERVIEW OF: MRS. LOUISE DECKER
7809 Airline Highway
Telephone: 721-7681

EMPLOYED BY: KELLY GIRL SERVICE

BY: DETECTIVE DOUGLAS WARD

During the interview with MRS. DECKER she told Detective Ward that she had met GUY BANISTER in 1959 through a friend of hers by the name of MRS. HUGH WARD

MRS. DECKER stated that GUY BANISTER never gave her any indication that he was anything but a gentleman.

MRS. DECKER stated that she was out of work during the month of October 1961 and that she had run into MRS. WARD who told her that GUY BANISTER was looking for a secretary.

MRS. DECKER said she contacted GUY BANISTER at his office and he told her he was looking for a secretary and if she wanted the job to come in and see him.

MRS. DECKER started working for GUY BANISTER the third week in October 1961 and worked for him through January 1962.

MRS. DECKER told Detective Ward that her job consisted mostly of cutting clippings from newspapers and magazines which contained articles about racial problems throughout the country, and articles about Communism. BANISTER was a fanatic on these two subjects.

MRS. DECKER also stated that she had once seen some of BANISTER's files in which the names of numerous political persons and influential persons' names were mentioned. MRS. DECKER further stated that she thought if these files fell into the wrong hands they could be used to blackmail some of these persons mentioned in them.

When asked about some of the people who came in to see BANISTER (Cubans as well as Americans) she mentioned the following names:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Jack Martin | 7. <u>Sergio Arcacha</u> |
| 2. <u>Dave Ferrie</u> | <u>Smith</u> |
| 3. Joe Newborough | 8. Bill Nietschke |
| 4. Joe Oster | 9. Eugene Dooling |
| 5. Vernon Geddis | 10. Mary Banister |
| 6. <u>Carlos Quivero</u> | 11. Delphine Roberts |
| (possibly Quiroga) | |

When questioned about the aforementioned list of persons, MRS. DECKER gave the following account:

1. JACK MARTIN:

A friend of GUY BANISTER as well as a business associate. MRS. DECKER's feelings were that MARTIN was a would-be investigator. However, BANISTER had warned her that MARTIN was the type of man to be afraid of. On November 23, 1963 MARTIN pulled a gun on BANISTER in his office and threatened to kill him over some words about the assassination of President Kennedy. MRS. DECKER stated that she had been told about the above-mentioned incident a couple of weeks after it happened by VERNON GEDDES.

2. DAVE FERRIE:

Had come into the office (BANISTER's office) with JACK MARTIN and two Cubans. Assisted Cubans in organization. DAVE FERRIE was a sympathizer with the Cubans and their cause. FERRIE was alleged to have helped them (the Cubans) campaign for funds, etc.

3. JOE NEWBOROUGH:

Was also a friend as well as a business associate of BANISTER and was in the office often. There is little else known about him.

4. JOE OSTER:

A business associate who MRS. DECKER felt was trying to take over BANISTER's business. OSTER was also to have worked with BANISTER from time to time, and had money invested in BANISTER's business.

5. VERNON GEDDES:

MRS. DECKER stated GEDDES was a friend and business associate of BANISTER and that she felt he would be a good man to talk to about BANISTER's files, as he would know more than anyone else. Could not give many details.

6. CARLOS QUIVERO: (possibly QUIROGA)

7. SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH:

These two had come in with FERRIE. MRS. DECKER did not know much about these two persons. Only in their company a short time. She only knew them as being friends of FERRIE.

8. BILL NIETSCHKE:

An ex-FBI agent retired. Came to New Orleans in December 1961 from Reno, Nevada as a partner in the business with BANISTER. NIETSCHKE did not like MRS. DECKER. He felt she had told BANISTER that he was trying to take over the business.

9. EUGENE DOOLING:

Obviously a con-man who had assumed the rank of Colonel and formed the Louisiana Private Patrol. DOOLING was in the office often and was one of BANISTER's closer friends.

10. MARY BANISTER:

EX-wife of GUY BANISTER. Little known about her other than she was a straightforward, sometimes overbearing person.

11. DELPHINE ROBERTS:

DELPINE was alleged to be very intimate with BANISTER as well as being a firm backer to him in his work. MRS. ROBERTS was in and out of the office on many occasions.

NOTE: (Memo dated December 29 from Ward mentions DELPHINE ROBERTS as the person having found BANISTER dead in his apartment and having removed some material from his apartment at that time. Also, several days later returned and removed more material)

MRS. DECKER further stated that BANISTER had been far behind in the payment of his rent for the office, and that soon after his death the landlord of the building had seized some of his furnishings and material as payment of the delinquent account. (The office building was located at 531 Lafayette Street) MRS. DECKER further stated that BANISTER never discussed business with her.

MRS. DECKER said that if she could think of anything that might be of any importance to us she would call, or should we want to ask her any more questions she would be more than glad to answer any and all questions and offered her assistance in any way possible.

Take add. statement
for more info. *4.*

To: Lou Iron

Lou: See me
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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ORLEANS

December 19, 1966

STATEMENT OF: JOSEPH S. NEWBROUGH, JR.
RESIDING AT: 932 Louisiana Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana
RE: DAVID FERRIE

☐ FBI?
spoke to
Newbrough?

☐ When
was Newbrough
away for
Banister?

(IMP.)
Year?
☐ 1929?

☐ Any
short dark
Cuban seen?

☐ Accolon
Banister's
office?

☐ How
many to
Cuba?

☐ Get more info re automobile
heavy equipment Newbrough
was photographing. When?
(confirmed by letter)...
☐ Any cubans
at all around?

S T A T E M E N T

As an employee, associate, and investigator with Guy Banister, I met David Ferrie who at the time was charged with sodomy or perhaps some other homosexual charge. Ferrie was in Banister's office daily for several months. As a client, he engaged Banister to gather evidence in his defense for these charges in Orleans Parish and in Jefferson. He became friendly with J. S. Martin, Sr., whom I had formerly worked with as a private investigator. Ferrie had all mannerisms of a person with a psychological maladjustment. Physically the most striking thing about the man was that he had lost all of the hair on his head including his eyebrows. In order to cover up this fact, he wore theatrical makeup including crepe hair on his head and eyebrows. He stated on numerous occasions that his hair was lost by his experimentation with radioactive material. I have heard two other explanations. One, that he lost his hair in a dynamite explosion while prospecting for gold in Latin America. Two, that he had his hair removed purposely in order to get fired from Eastern Airlines and then to sue Eastern Airlines for firing him.

Ferrie began as a clerk in the law office of G. Wray Gill with his own desk, telephone, etc. He did legal research for Gill and claimed to do investigative work. He frequented all Courts in the New Orleans area and I have heard that on one

occasion, Gill sent Ferrie to Washington to discuss a case with an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

Ferrie practiced the Roman Catholic religion and was extremely knowledgeable in Catholic Canonical Law, but in the writer's opinion he was carried away to the point that he believed himself to be a saint and had such beliefs that he could cause the appearance of saints, demons, etc. I am of the opinion that J. S. Martin put him in contact with a pseudo Orthodox Bishop named Stanley in Louisville, Kentucky, and that Ferrie went to Louisville and was consecrated a Bishop in this Church. In comment, these Bishops scattered throughout the country have no churches, no priests, deacons or congregation. They are self-styled bishops recognized by none but each other.

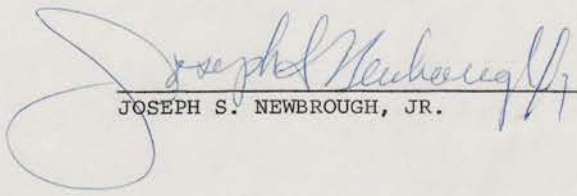
David Ferrie having been a pilot for Eastern Airlines and was dismissed from that duty upon homosexual charges being filed against him, carried on various business activities involving flying, including charter work and flight instruction. At one time, he operated a Gulf filling station on the river side of Veterans Hwy. one block toward Baton Rouge from Metairie Court. I had heard that Carlos Marcello, whom Ferrie had become friendly with had financed this filling station. I have also heard that Ferrie was a confidant of Marcello and a legal advisor. At one time, Guy Banister did some investigation work for Marcello. I think that this case was referred to Banister by G. Wray Gill. I do not think that David Ferrie or Jack Martin did any investigative work on this case nor did I to my knowledge. Though, I may have been assigned some phase of the investigation not knowing what it involved. This method of operation was typical of Banister and this writer feels that no one knew all of Banister's business dealings.

I understand that Ferrie has a godson named
"Brownley" whom I do not remember meeting but may have. To
my personal knowledge I have never met Lee Harvey Oswald nor
do I think David Ferrie had met him but Ferrie is a linguish
speaking Spanish fluently as well as other languages and in
that Ferrie knew a number of people connected with the Cuban
Freedom Movement in New Orleans perhaps he did meet Oswald.
I am under the opinion that Ferrie is capable of almost
anything though I do not believe that he is sufficiently
politically rabid to perpetrate a crime against the United
States. It is further my opinion that Jack Martin ^{antipathy} ~~and~~ Typathy
toward Ferrie could cause him to imagine all types of crimes
that Ferrie might take part in. I have no personal knowledge
of any crime committed by Ferrie though he did ask me at one
time to sign a false statement to the effect that ^{E.g.} he had
personally witnessed a teenager habituating homosexual hangouts.
I was informed by Ferrie that ^{This Teenage} ~~he~~ was the subject of one of the
homosexual charges filed against him either in Orleans or
Jefferson Parish and I feel that this boy had formerly been in
Ferrie's Civil Air Patrol Unit. When I refused this I have
heard that Ferrie sought out others to do the same thing. I
do not know why Martin dislikes Ferrie but I think that it is
chiefly due to the fact that Ferrie accurately described
Martin's personality, habits, and living conditions to some of
Martin's phony bishops. Jack Martin to my knowledge has no
current regular income other than his wife's salary. He spends
most of his time at home painting pictures and on frequent
occasions goes to the corner pub in order to become crocked
out of his mind on four bottles of beer. I do not personally
have any faith in anything that Jack Martin says regarding

anyone that is currently on Jack Martin "hate" list.

I understand that a local leader of the Anti-Castro
Cubans at one time had an office in the Newman Building and
D was friendly with Banister. I do not recall meeting the man
though I probably did if he was around for any length of time.

The above statement is made to the best of my
knowledge and of my own free will.


JOSEPH S. NEWBROUGH, JR.

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M E M O R A N D U M

January 31, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON

FROM: LESTER OTILLIO

RE: VERNON G. GERDES, WM, 43 YEARS OLD
RESIDING AT 1207 CONSTANTINOPE
TELEPHONE NO. TW5-6815

The following questions are by Officers Jonau and Otilio assigned to the District Attorney's Office on January 29, 1967:

Q. What was the date you first started to work for Guy Banister?

A. About 1957 in the Balter Building.

Q. How long did you work for Guy Banister?

A. I would say less than a year.

Q. Did you ever work in Banister's Lafayette office?

A. No, but I met him there for dinner quite often - two or three times a month.

Q. Do you know Dave Ferrie?

A. Yes, slightly. I have seen him around the office a few times and we met him at Domino's Restaurant one time for lunch. Banister was handling a case for him. Something to do with the airlines.

Q. Were you and Banister aware that Ferrie was a homosexual?

A. I didn't, but I guess that is what Banister was working on for Ferrie in regard to the airline.

Q. Have you ever seen any Cubans in Banister's Office with Ferrie?

A. No, not that I can remember. Banister was friends with one Cuban, a Dr. DeHoar.

Q. When you were in the Balter Building were there any Cuban organizations in the same building and do you recall anything about these organizations?

A. I can vaguely remember something about some kind of Cuban organization on Common Street. I don't know anything about it.

Q. Have you ever seen Lee Harvey Oswald?

A. No, not in connection with Banister. He lived a few doors from my wife's grandmother.

Q. Do you remember when you worked for Banister who else was employed by him?

A. No, I took Joe Oster's place, however, there was a tall boy who used to jump from airplanes. I don't remember his name. He left town in 1958 or '59.

Q. Do you know Arcacha Smith?

A. Name is familiar but I can't place him.

Q. Do you know who else worked on Ferry's case?

A. Don't know, but Hugh Ward was involved.

Q. What was your opinion of Banister as a man, politically and otherwise?

A. I think he had to get permission from his wife before he made a move

Q. Do you think Banister was a radical?

A. No, he wasn't a radical but he did hate Communism with a passion.

Q. Have you ever seen Lincoln Rockwell?

A. Yes, in Banister's office once. Delphine Roberts and I waited outside.

Q. Who was Delphine Roberts?

A. Delphine Roberts was Banister's girlfriend. I believe that they had an affair going because Banister once spoke of divorce from his wife.

Q. You know where Delphine Roberts lives now?

A. No, but I knew she lived on the lakefront area.

Q. What kind of person was Delphine Roberts?

A. Radical, Way out, I think she was a nut.

Q. Do you know if Banister had anything to do with a Cuban organization?

A. Not that I know of. One thing that might help is that Delphine Roberts went into Banister's office right after his death and removed some files. She was supposed to have brought them to G. Wray Gill's office.

Q. Where did you get this information?

A. It may have come from Jack. I really don't know who it came from for sure. Wait!!! I think it was a guy named Bob Guzmann. He is a contractor.

Q. When did he tell you this?

A. Within a few months after Banister died. I think Guzmann can tell you a lot more. He also is supposed to be a game warden.

*To: Archives
For: Ruby file*

M E M O R A N D U M

February 25, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON

FROM: JOHN P. VOLZ

In a recent telephone conversation with MONK ZELDON, he informed me that he has a medical report showing that JACK RUBY had cancer as far back as 1963.

JOHN P. VOLZ

*See add. memo
negative*

M E M O R A N D U M

January 23, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FROM: F. SEDGEBEER AND CLEM NIEDERMIER

RE: INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINT OF DAVE LEWIS

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C. NIEDERMIER

MEMORANDUM

To: archive
For: Banister file

February 21, 1967

TO: LOUIS IVON, CHIEF INVESTIGATOR
FROM: C. J. NAVARRE, KENT SIMMS, INVESTIGATORS
RE: ROBERT J. GUZMAN, SR. W/M
727 FIRST STREET

On February 21, 1967, at 10:00 A. M., Officers Navarre and Simms interviewed MR. ROBERT J. GUZMAN in the Office of the District Attorney. Mr. GUZMAN related that he is in the contracting business dealing with house repairs. He has been in this type of work for the past sixteen years.

MR. GUZMAN stated that he met MR. GUY BANISTER about 1937 in Alexandria, Louisiana, where he was introduced. Upon coming to New Orleans, MR. GUZMAN stated, he again renewed his acquaintance with MR. BANISTER.

MR. GUZMAN related that he did not do any investigative work for MR. BANISTER, but that he made house repair estimates on a residence that MR. BANISTER wanted to purchase. Also, he gave house repair estimates to MRS. ROBERTS, BANISTER'S secretary. The only other contact with BANISTER was as a friend when they would meet for lunch and talk politics. This politics consisted of local and state and never federal. The local and state politics consisted mostly of selling the state on the idea of the Sovereignty Commission and un-American Affairs.

MR. GUZMAN related that he recognized the names of LAWRENCE GUCHEREAU, JACK MARTIN, and JOE NEWBROUGH. These people were employed by BANISTER in a part time capacity not familiar to him. MR. GUZMAN would see these people in MR. BANISTER'S office. Mr. GUZMAN related that these people became known to him between 1958 to 1960.

MR. GUZMAN related that he knew little of MR. BANISTER'S files and investigations, but he believed the bulk of Mr. BANISTER'S income was derived from political campaigns.

Between 1960 and 1961, MR. GUZMAN stated he saw DAVE FERRIE in the office of GUY BANISTER. This was an instant that when MR. GUZMAN entered the office, DAVE FERRIE walked out. MR. GUZMAN stated that he inquired about this man and he was identified as DAVE FERRIE who was doing some private investigative work for a local attorney. Then again in 1962 MR. GUZMAN saw DAVE FERRIE in an elevator in the building of GUY BANISTER.

↑ Newman Bldg?

curious
restriction

Incredible!
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This is all the information MR. GUZMAN could give relative to DAVE FERRIE, and he could not be sure of that date.

Other persons MR. GUZMAN saw in MR. BANISTER'S office was MRS. PIZZO, MR. GRAHAM and an investigator by the name of WARD. He could give no additional information on these names.

MR. GUZMAN was shown several photographs, and he identified THOMAS EDWARD BECKHAM as a person working in politics with reference to the mayoralty race around 1963. He talked with him in the Pearl Restaurant.

MR. GUZMAN then pointed out a picture of MELVIN SEELING as being very familiar but could not place it.

Identified a picture of DAVE FERRIE, as being the man he saw in GUY BANISTER'S office.

He further picked out OSWALD'S picture but could not place him at MR. BANISTER'S office or any further information.

MR. GUZMAN stated he knew of no Cuban type people connected with MR. BANISTER.

To: Banister files

M E M O R A N D U M

February 10, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FROM: FRANK MELOCHE, INVESTIGATOR

RE: LAWRENCE GUCHEREAU, w/m, 40, 515 Zinnia Street
Metairie, Louisiana

On February 3, 1967, I spoke with LAWRENCE GUCHEREAU in the office of the District Attorney in reference to his employment for GUY BANISTER. He stated that he worked for GUY BANISTER in 1962 and 1963 until the time of BANISTER's death. He stated that he was not an employee of BANISTER but has worked on a contract basis (a dollar an hour). When asked if he knew anyone who frequented BANISTER's office, he said that the only ones he knew were MRS. ROBERTS, w/f about 40, his secretary, JACK MARTIN, JOE NEWBROUGH, and R. J. GUZMAN. He stated that these were the only people he knew had any business with BANISTER, and that the only time he had occasion to go to BANISTER's office was to pick up an assignment. He stated he had no knowledge why JACK MARTIN and JOE NEWBROUGH made so many visits to BANISTER's office, only that GUY had once told him to be nice to these fellows because if you don't, they can hurt you. He further stated that at no time did he see Cubans in BANISTER's office.

I questioned LAWRENCE about BANISTER's files and he replied that in his office they had six or seven file cabinets under lock and key and that the only persons having access to these were BANISTER and MRS. ROBERTS. I asked LAWRENCE what type of work and the amount of work coming in BANISTER's office. He stated that BANISTER had very little work. He said that no one trusted BANISTER. He further stated that when BANISTER died, he owed him \$1400.00 and owed seven to eight months' rent to MR. MANCUSO. I spoke with LAWRENCE about BANISTER's files and he stated that the day after BANISTER died, LAWRENCE went to BANISTER's office to see about getting his money. When he arrived, he found a padlock on the door and was told that MR. MANCUSO had padlocked the place for back rent. He feels that if anyone should know the disposition of BANISTER's files, it should be MRS. BANISTER or MR. MANCUSO.

MR. GUCHEREAU is a private investigator, self-employed, licensed out of Jefferson Parish. Subject was employed at Pendelton and was a past clerk for the FBI. There is no B of I record on the subject and subject was not photog or licensed under the city of New Orleans.

DET. FRANK ME

Follow Up On:

MR. R. J. GUZMAN

M E M O R A N D U M

January 19, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FROM: SGT. F. SEDGEBEER and DET. C. JONAU

RE: SPECIAL INVESTIGATION - SHIRLEY BASILE, W/F, Age 25
2833 St. Charles Avenue

In reference to your instructions on first memorandum dated January 6, 1967, Miss Basile was asked by investigators how she knew that Banister did some work for Lincoln Rockwell. She stated that she remembered there was a file on Lincoln Rockwell and she was under the impression that Banister was doing some type of work for him. The nature of the work was unknown to her. She said that Mr. Banister was a staunch conservative. As far as feelings for J. F. K., she didn't really know.

She has never seen Rockwell or anyone connected with the American Natzi Party while she was employed with Banister. Someone could have come in who belonged to that organization, but she wouldn't have known it.

Miss Basile stated that she remembers Sergio or Acacha Smith from coming into Banister's office. She said that Mr. Banister was doing some work for him but doesn't know what type of work he was doing. She had no access to his files. This was in 1961. She stated she might be able to identify Smith from a photo, she is not really sure.

In reference to Hugh Ward she states that Mr. Banister hired Hugh Ward, a real young fellow who worked mostly on domestic cases such as divorces and separations, while she was employed there. He worked there six to eight months. She states that Hugh Ward lived in Covington and commuted back and forth.

In reference to Cosmos Shipping Company investigators stopped there and spoke to Mr. Artego who is a white male possibly 21 years of age who stated that Cosmos Shipping Company operates out of New Orleans, New York, and Chicago. They are an import-export company. Mr. Artego further stated that Manuel Gonzales might have worked in the New York or Chicago office but he has never worked in the New Orleans branch.

SGT. F. SEDGEBEER

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M E M O R A N D U M T O F I L E

January 6, 1966

FROM: F. SEDGEBEER AND C. JONAU

SUBJECT: MISS SHIRLEY BASILE, WF 25
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Worked part time for Guy Banister from 1960 to 1961, she does not know Dave Ferrie, but stated that Mr. Banister did some Norman Rockwell of the American Natzi Party. Stated that Banister was ultra conservative.

She also knows Jack Martin and that as far as she knew his reputation was unsavory. She had heard from a source that she can't remember, that Martin had committed some abortions in southern Texas. She claims he was notorious. She can't remember any dealings with Cubans while she was employed by Banister.

She will be willing to come up to the office and give any information desired. She is very cooperative.

Miss Basile also stated that Anna Burglass was a very close friend of Banister and also did some investigative work for him.

Also an investigator named Joseph Newbrough worked for Banister with Martin. Newbrough spent 5 years in Federal pen for embezzlement.

